GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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AFRO-ASIAN GAMES
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to hold first Afro-Asian Games at New Delhi in November, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether special financial allocation has been made for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of other steps proposed to be taken for smooth organisation of the games?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Games were to be held in November, 2001 at New Delhi in eight disciplines by inviting qualified teams from Asian and African countries.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The Government has made special financial allocation of Rs.20.00 crores for the conduct of the Games in the current financial year. For upgradation of infrastructure, Government provided sufficient funds during the last financial year to SAI from the allocated budget. SAI, will be provided further funds for the purpose of upgradation of infrastructure during the current financial year, if required.

(e) The Government has initiated action for upgradation of infrastructure and smooth conduct ofgames. A Steering Committee for infrastructure has been notified. The constitution of the Organizing Committee for conduct of the games has also been under discussion with the IOA.However, keeping in view the current status for holding the Ist Afro Asian Games, Government has decided that it would be appropriate to defer the Games. Indian Olympic Association has accordingly been advised to suggest new dates for holding the Games.